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The Foreign Agricultural Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture today reported the following developments in world agriculture and trade.

## U.S. AGRICULTURAL TRADE

U.S. agricultural export volume for November 1987 totaled 11.1 million metric tons, up 5 percent from the 10.6 million tons exported during November 1986, but down 9 percent from October 1987. Three major bulk commodities--wheat, corn and soybeans--accounted for 7.7 million tons, or 69 percent of the total. Major buyers were China and Algeria for wheat, Mexico and the USSR for feed grains, and the European Community, Japan, Taiwan and China for soybeans.

November's export value totaled \$2.83 billion, an increase of 12 percent from November 1986 and up 6 percent from October 1987. Brisk sales of beef and other livestock products accounted for almost 40 percent of the total year-to-year increase. Other bright spots include vegetable oils (up 205 percent), pork (up 93 percent), cotton (up 74 percent), fresh vegetables (up 37 percent), broilers (up 22 percent), rice (up 20 percent) corn (up 18 percent) and soybeans (up 9 percent).

October-November export volume totaled 23.3 million tons, up 1.5 million tons (7 percent) over the same period in 1986. For the first two months of the fiscal year, U.S. agricultural exports totaled \$5.5 billion, up \$555 million (11 percent) from a year earlier.

U.S. cotton export volume rose 8 percent while its export value rose by 70 percent, the result of sharply higher world prices. Strong textile production in key markets such as Japan, Hong Kong, Italy and Taiwan has increased demand for cotton. This, combined with tight cotton supplies due to poor production in China and Pakistan, has pushed world cotton prices substantially higher than last year.

Agricultural imports for November totaled \$1.68 billion, down 11 percent from November 1986 and down almost 8 percent from October. November figures bring the two-month agricultural import total to \$3.50 billion, off 1 percent from October-November last year.

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November's agricultural imports of competitive products were valued at \$1.19 billion, down \$105 million (8 percent) from November 1986. This brings fiscal year 1988 competitive imports to date to \$2.37 billion, up slightly (1 percent) from the same period in 1986.

Significant import increases occurred in: fruits and vegetables--up \$92 million (8 percent); orange juice--up \$32 million (40 percent); coconut oil--up \$26 million (120 percent); beer and ale--up \$16 million (13 percent); beef and veal--up \$12 million (5 percent); cattle hides and skins--up \$6 million (64 percent); and oats--up \$3 million (53 percent). Substantial import declines include feeder cattle--down \$59 million (948 percent) and pork--down \$11 million (5 percent).

Agricultural imports of non-competitive products totaled \$496 million in November, down 18 percent from November 1986. For October-November, noncompetitive imports total \$1.14 billion, down 6 percent from a year earlier. This decline can be attributed to a 41-percent drop in crude coffee prices which has caused coffee imports to drop \$149 million (24 percent) thus far in fiscal year 1988. Banana imports have risen \$6 million (6 percent) solely due to higher import prices as volume remains unchanged from last year.

November's agricultural trade surplus was \$1.14 billion, up \$290 million from October, and only the second time since February 1985 that the agricultural trade surplus exceeded \$1 billion. To date, the fiscal year 1988 trade surplus totals nearly \$2.0 billion, up \$602 million over the same two-month period in fiscal 1987.

U.S. Agricultural Trade  
(Billion Dollars)

	-----FISCAL YEAR-----			-----OCT-NOV-----		
	1987	1988	Percent	1987	1988	Percent
	Actual	Forecast	Change	Actual	Actual	Change
Exports	27.9	32.0	+15	4.95	5.50	+11
Imports	20.7	20.5	-1	3.56	3.50	-1
Trade balance	7.2	11.5	---	1.39	2.00	---

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U.S. AGRICULTURAL EXPORTS TO ALL DESTINATIONS  
OCTOBER 1986 - NOVEMBER 1987

COMMODITIES	UNIT	CUMULATIVE TO DATE				CURRENT MONTH ( NOVEMBER )							
		QUANTITY	VALUE	%		QUANTITY	VALUE	%					
		: 10/86-11/86:10/87-11/87:DIF	: 10/86-11/86:10/87-11/87:DIF	: 10/86-11/86:10/87-11/87:DIF	: 10/86-11/86:10/87-11/87:DIF	: 1986	: 1987	:DIF	: 1986 : 1987 :DIF				
GRAINS AND FEEDS													
WHEAT & WHEAT FLOUR	MT	4083,308	4905,520	+20	470,453	495,803	+5	1656,958	2070,489	+25	190,196	204,755	+8
WHEAT	MT	3917,710	4704,047	+20	448,546	469,184	+5	1610,665	1936,818	+20	183,834	188,253	+2
WHEAT FLOUR	MT	165,598	201,473	+22	21,907	26,619	+22	46,293	133,671	+189	6,362	16,502	+159
RICE	MT	468,360	512,211	+9	107,258	119,334	+11	208,909	242,909	+16	48,345	58,024	+20
COARSE GRAINS	MT	7552,909	8038,607	+6	579,907	646,761	+12	3584,507	3757,345	+5	271,535	307,346	+13
CORN	MT	6031,934	6602,990	+9	463,102	530,371	+15	2895,492	3106,588	+7	217,005	255,699	+18
GRAIN SORGHUM	MT	843,057	684,805	-19	59,087	52,987	-10	372,584	260,043	-30	26,465	20,474	-23
BARLEY	MT	669,900	748,730	+12	56,705	63,177	+11	311,069	390,048	+25	27,554	31,091	+13
OATS	MT	2,899	1,464	-50	538	165	-69	469	561	+20	58	72	+25
RYE	MT	5,119	618	-88	475	61	-87	4,893	105	-98	453	10	-98
FEEDS & FODDERS 1/	MT	1410,466	1704,452	+21	219,791	236,509	+8	723,232	779,092	+8	113,615	110,781	-2
PULSES	MT	137,055	96,638	-29	69,655	41,776	-40	72,003	42,086	-42	38,230	18,075	-53
BEANS, DRIED	MT	110,477	70,540	-36	58,803	33,868	-42	60,300	31,767	-47	33,489	14,821	-56
PEAS, DRIED	MT	17,278	19,108	+11	5,684	4,859	-15	8,500	6,401	-25	2,886	1,657	-43
LENTILS, ETC., DRI	MT	9,300	6,990	-25	5,168	3,049	-41	3,203	3,918	+22	1,855	1,597	-14
OTHER	XXX				50,242	55,309	+10				24,047	30,198	+26
TOTAL	XXX	13652,098	15257,428	+12	1,497,306	1,595,490	+7	6245,609	6891,921	+10	685,966	729,177	+6
OILSEEDS & PRODUCTS													
TOTAL OILSEEDS	MT	5196,266	5444,927	+5	1,034,128	1,156,858	+12	2702,435	2719,810	+1	544,186	579,740	+7
SOYBEANS	MT	5069,905	5335,511	+5	968,333	1,096,455	+13	2629,707	2670,009	+2	504,150	549,381	+9
SUNFLOWER SEED	MT	23,368	28,770	+23	8,227	8,700	+6	13,628	7,637	-44	5,215	3,780	-28
PEANUTS	MT	59,199	61,954	+5	49,010	46,109	-6	36,776	31,643	-14	30,277	23,496	-22
OTHER OILSEEDS	MT	43,794	18,692	-57	8,558	5,594	-35	22,324	10,521	-53	4,544	3,083	-32
SOYBEAN MEAL	MT	1217,893	698,611	-43	250,501	155,290	-38	742,455	462,380	-38	154,360	103,993	-33
OTHER MEAL	MT	18,488	37,367	+102	3,116	4,688	+50	5,987	17,620	+194	1,035	2,286	+121
TOTAL VEG. OILS	MT	119,769	253,154	+114	57,781	122,031	+111	39,044	147,316	+277	22,492	68,660	+205
SOYBEAN OIL	MT	66,027	108,446	+64	26,462	46,998	+78	12,417	63,033	+408	5,989	25,514	+326
SUNFLOWER OIL	MT	16,436	63,334	+285	7,156	26,779	+274	2,393	46,153	***	1,205	19,074	***
COTTONSEED OIL	MT	13,722	22,672	+65	6,809	10,597	+56	9,482	14,910	+57	4,782	6,955	+45
OTHER VEG. OILS	MT	23,584	58,702	+149	17,354	37,657	+117	14,752	23,220	+57	10,516	17,117	+63
OTHER	XXX				18,248	25,152	+38				9,566	14,390	+50
TOTAL	XXX	6,552,416	6,434,059	-2	1,363,776	1,464,020	+7	3489,921	3347,126	-4	731,640	769,069	+5
SEEDS													
SEEDS	MT	52,314	38,488	-26	67,952	74,207	+9	19,279	26,741	+39	36,525	48,419	+33
COTTON & LINTERS													
RAW COTTON 2/	STB	913,093	981,711	+8	186,456	316,065	+70	571,325	615,107	+8	116,144	202,103	+74
LINTERS 2/	STB	8,785	19,089	+117	737	1,365	+85	4,663	11,754	+152	372	781	+110
SILK	STB	46	64	+38	72	92	+27	4		-100	11		-100
TOTAL	STB	921,924	1000,863	+9	187,265	317,521	+70	575,992	626,861	+9	116,527	202,884	+74



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LIVESTOCK & PRODS.

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HORTICULTURAL PROD.							
TREE NUTS.....	MT	69,949	234,209	+21	28,628	30,942	+8
FRUIT.....	MT	126,363	249,671	+5	79,431	71,310	-10
FRESH, CITRUS.....	MT	110,663	66,186	-6	48,416	64,572	+33
FRESH, NON-CITRUS..	MT	14,094	89,912	+10	7,065	8,335	+18
CANNED.....	MT	32,678	19,067	+32	14,657	14,167	-3
DRIED.....	MT	15,051	49,928	+5	7,409	6,913	-7
JUICES.....	GAL	84,202	24,578	+3	42,191	61,251	+45
VEGETABLES,FRESH....	MT	68,446	43,245	+13	36,984	20,048	-45
VEG., PREP., PRES....	MT		66,202	+11		32,487	+6
OTHER.....	XXX		105,403	+23		44,963	+22
TOTAL.....	XXX		615,339	+14		309,901	+4
SUGAR & TROP. PRODS.							
SUGAR & SWEETENERS..	XXX		28,990	+18		14,427	+26
COFFEE.....	MT	2,737	17,489	-3	1,209	8,261	+5
FLAVORING SYRUPS....	XXX		39,419	+23		16,975	+26
OTHER.....	XXX		90,502	+27		35,403	+38
TOTAL.....	XXX		181,595	+21		75,065	+29
GRAND TOTAL.....	XXX		4,946,588	+11		2511,991	+12

NOTE: VALUE UNITS ARE IN THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS. GALLON UNITS ARE IN THOUSANDS OF UNITS. DOZEN UNITS ARE IN THOUSANDS OF UNITS.  
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U.S. AGRICULTURAL IMPORTS FROM ALL SOURCES  
OCTOBER 1986 - NOVEMBER 1987

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GRAINS AND FEEDS													
WHEAT & PRODUCTS.....	MT	119,872	121,162	+1	99,610	108,724	+9	60,826	59,598	-2	53,605	50,174	-6
BARLEY & MALT.....	MT	27,464	48,738	+77	3,198	4,975	+56	24,208	24,061	-1	2,417	2,644	+9
OTH COARSE GRAINS 1/.....	MT	86,151	123,065	+43	8,765	12,271	+40	60,294	84,612	+40	6,470	8,051	+24
PULSES.....	MT	6,274	7,522	+20	3,595	3,255	-9	3,931	3,897	-1	2,198	1,632	-26
OTHER.....	XXX				80,829	56,393	-30				46,626	27,406	-41
TOTAL.....	XXX				195,998	185,617	-5				111,316	89,908	-19
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OILSEEDS & PRODUCTS													
OILSEEDS.....	MT	18,127	25,438	+40	6,784	8,297	+22	9,061	12,086	+33	3,900	4,265	+9
COCONUT OIL.....	MT	98,335	116,417	+18	23,344	50,279	+115	65,221	63,224	-3	14,800	27,701	+87
PALM OIL.....	MT	52,956	38,282	-28	13,026	12,261	-6	21,618	18,644	-14	4,994	6,029	+21
OTHER VEG. OILS.....	MT	52,017	92,929	+79	33,298	59,164	+78	26,901	50,441	+88	17,819	30,020	+68
OTHER.....	MT	35,146	48,050	+37	9,073	13,630	+50	21,302	22,122	+4	5,649	6,381	+13
TOTAL.....	MT	256,582	321,117	+25	85,526	143,631	+68	144,103	166,516	+16	47,163	74,396	+58
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SEEDS.....													
	MT	10,138	8,534	-16	19,777	22,299	+13	6,325	4,595	-27	10,791	10,773	-
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COTTON,LINTERS,SILK.....													
	MT	4,457	9,630	+116	2,179	2,914	+34	1,841	2,577	+40	849	1,170	+38
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TOBACCO UNMFG.													
CIGARETTE LEAF.....	MT	32,135	30,837	-4	103,742	93,663	-10	16,719	16,270	-3	52,554	49,989	-5
CIGAR LEAF.....	MT	700	1,760	+151	2,677	5,746	+115	201	625	+211	1,572	2,888	+84
SCRAP & STEMS.....	MT	6,476	5,986	-8	6,733	6,109	-9	2,226	2,870	+29	3,250	2,742	-16
TOTAL.....	MT	39,310	38,584	-2	113,151	105,518	-7	19,146	19,764	+3	57,375	55,619	-3
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POULTRY PRODUCTS													
FEATHERS & DOWN.....	MT	1,218	1,695	+39	8,874	12,246	+38	823	755	-8	5,771	5,977	+6
POULTRY MEAT.....	MT	1,019	1,070	+5	3,691	3,742	+1	518	582	+12	2,009	2,055	+2
EGGS & PRODUCTS.....	XXX				2,481	2,469	--				1,627	1,151	-29
OTHER.....	XXX				2,064	1,670	-19				1,173	783	-33
TOTAL.....	XXX				17,110	20,128	+18				10,579	9,967	-6
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DAIRY PRODUCTS													
CHEESE, QUOTA.....	MT	24,153	23,330	-3	69,312	72,638	+5	12,081	12,512	+4	36,298	39,041	+8
CHEESE, NON-QUOTA.....	MT	4,791	5,059	+6	18,582	21,058	+13	2,957	2,606	-12	11,498	10,682	-7
CASEIN.....	MT	19,101	15,131	-21	37,099	37,618	+1	11,509	6,812	-41	22,129	17,378	-21
OTHER.....	XXX				1,992	2,182	+10				552	634	+1
TOTAL.....	XXX				126,985	133,496	+5				70,478	67,735	-4
LIVESTOCK & PRODS.													
WOOL.....	MT	6,473	6,866	+6	24,103	35,396	+47	4,195	3,709	-12	15,733	19,793	+26
MEAT.....	MT	208,699	197,115	-6	453,584	461,938	+2	107,642	83,600	-22	238,464	204,214	-14
BEEF AND VEAL.....	MT	121,163	106,433	-12	228,738	241,242	+5	62,619	43,188	-31	119,682	100,462	-16
PORK.....	MT	80,371	81,658	+2	208,106	197,127	-5	41,057	38,930	-5	109,292	92,505	-15
OTHER (EDIBLE).....	MT	7,165	9,024	+26	16,740	23,569	+41	3,966	4,482	+13	9,490	11,247	+19
LIVE CATTLE.....	NO	243,343	45,825	-81	77,897	27,279	-65	220,750	26,576	-88	67,919	15,510	-77
OTHER LIVESTOCK.....	NO	81,468	74,520	-9	60,277	22,881	-62	36,440	35,327	-3	14,988	10,951	-27
HIDES & SKINS.....	XXX				9,608	15,744	+64				5,602	7,376	+32
FURSKINS.....	XXX				21,207	19,484	-8				9,631	9,089	-6
OTHER.....	XXX				31,315	34,449	+10				17,581	16,809	-4
TOTAL.....	XXX				677,992	617,171	-9				369,917	283,742	-23
HORTICULTURAL PROD.													
FRUIT.....	MT	567,765	578,805	+2	356,289	390,790	+10	310,389	314,529	+1	183,353	205,027	+12
FRESH.....	MT	79,148	75,112	-5	72,897	163,715	+7	42,134	34,846	-17	84,971	89,343	+5
PREP. & PRES.....	MT	688,877	632,954	-8	129,994	75,032	+3	277,798	319,002	+15	40,249	35,225	-12
JUICES.....	LIT	194,991	209,219	+7	83,704	152,043	+17	120,991	118,365	-2	58,133	80,459	+38
VEGETABLES, FR/FZ.....	MT	79,786	90,964	+14	69,910	88,470	+6	44,897	43,952	-2	51,816	51,109	-1
VEG., PREP., PRES.....	MT				74,872	78,707	+13				40,027	37,837	-5
TREE NUTS.....	XXX				240,246	77,246	+3	46,229	38,601	-16	46,793	41,256	-12
WINE.....	LIT	178,176	194,334	+9	136,689	254,899	+6	100,501	97,642	-3	133,961	134,711	+1
OTHER ALCOHOLIC BEV.....	LIT				62,656	156,417	+14				77,446	78,240	+1
NURSERY PRODUCTS.....	XXX				66,562	69,308	+11				28,624	30,014	+5
OTHER.....	XXX					66,558	--				37,956	33,774	-11
TOTAL.....	XXX				1,090,929	1,182,395	+8				599,978	611,968	+2

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SUGAR & TROP. PRODS.													
SUGAR, RAW & REFINED: MT		312,063	202,444	-35	111,291	66,061	-41	191,839	120,679	-37	66,986	40,859	-39
SWEETENERS: MT		183,953	169,653	-8	50,565	42,628	-16	85,759	107,224	+25	24,474	23,934	-2
COCOA & PRODUCTS: MT		73,938	99,370	+34	166,799	213,457	+28	39,324	50,045	+27	86,649	105,757	+22
COFFEE: MT		184,727	239,433	+30	672,282	520,671	-23	90,050	77,768	-14	329,846	179,613	-46
ESSENTIAL OILS: MT		1,703	1,908	+12	19,841	18,045	-9	982	718	-27	11,004	9,562	-13
TEA: MT		13,530	12,760	-6	21,354	17,515	-18	6,788	5,698	-16	11,281	7,200	-36
SPICES: MT		27,050	24,653	-9	49,403	60,023	+21	15,450	11,635	-25	29,751	30,213	+2
FIBERS: MT		9,482	9,226	-3	4,833	5,506	+14	4,802	3,422	-29	2,477	1,943	-22
RUBBER & ALLIED GUMS: MT		129,108	123,357	-4	103,280	121,493	+18	54,477	64,300	+18	43,926	64,978	+48
OTHER: XXX					23,806	27,358	+15				13,643	13,362	-2
TOTAL: XXX					1,223,454	1,092,757	-11				620,038	477,421	-23
GRAND TOTAL: XXX					3,553,101	3,505,925	-1				1898,484	1682,699	-11

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